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1. On 12 November 1951, eight tanks [ ] were seen driving from the Wolmirstedt (N 53/Y 61) railroad station toward Letzing Heath. Six more tanks [ ] moved in the same direction on 16 November. Vehicles seen moving to the Wolmirstedt railroad station on 18 November included: 8 trucks carrying troops and ammunition boxes [ ] and 5 tanks, [ ] loaded with boards, tables and beams. Three of the tanks were JS type. After unloading, the trucks drove away and returned to the station after about 1.5 hours, each carrying about 20 soldiers. Gunfire was heard from the Willersleben artillery range between 10 a.m. and noon on 18 November. [ ] firing practice had been held daily at the same time for the past days. \*
2. On 23 November, Camp Born was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epauletts. About 12 to 14 trucks, [ ] were seen leaving the camp toward Born. They carried a total of about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia, carried small arms, but had no baggage with them. The parking lots for motor vehicles east of the camp were empty. Soldiers were seen filling in a cable ditch between Camp Born and the camp in the woods south of Huetten. Truck [ ] was seen in Huetten. A radio station with four masts was observed for the first time north of the camp, about 400 meters south of Huetten. It was located on the small elevation outside of the camp, and surrounded by a 2-meter high board fence. Local residents said that artillery and AAA troops were still engaged in firing practiced at Letzing Heath. \*\*
3. A convoy of 12 half-track armored personnel carriers, occupied to capacity by soldiers and towing 14 x 57-mm AT guns, was seen driving from the direction of Jaconitz toward Letzingen at 8 p.m. on 21 November. [ ] Eighteen sedans were in the parking lot in the barracks installation west of Kloster Neuendorf on 22 November. The settlement houses outside the installation, which previously quartered officers, were vacant. Truck [ ] was seen shuttling between these houses and the barracks installation. The fire of small arms was heard from the rear section of the billeting area. The barracks buildings were being reconditioned. Trucks [ ] were seen leaving the installation. Four

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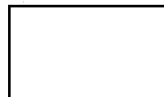
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25X1 trucks [redacted] were seen driving through  
 25X1 Doebbelin toward Jaevenitz on 23 November. They were occupied to capa-  
 25X1 city by soldiers who wore crimson epaulets. No troop quarters were  
 25X1 noticed in the area south of Hottendorf. [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] troops were entrained at the railroad stations of Tangerhuetten and  
 25X1 Danker on 17 and 18 November. \*

[redacted] 4. [redacted] headquarters [redacted] was in charge of main-  
 25X1 taining the artillery range at Neuplanken. The headquarters was under the  
 25X1 command of Colonel Boshko (fnu). Colonel Popov (fnu) was the supply  
 25X1 officer. \*

5. A new, three-story barracks building, about 76 meters long, was completed  
 near the former buildings of the Staats-Doergitz artillery range in October.  
 Wooden garages and a repair shop were built next to the new building. The  
 new barracks installation quartered a tank unit from Stendal whose supply  
 officer was Major Karev (fnu). \*\*\*

25X1 \* [redacted] Comment. In agreement with information from other troop training  
 25X1 grounds in the Soviet Zone of Germany, the present report indicates that  
 25X1 some small units held firing practice at Letzling Heath even after the  
 25X1 completion of the 1951 summer training period. The vehicles observed in the  
 25X1 northern portion of Letzling Heath and in the former parachute training  
 25X1 camp at Kloster Neuendorf belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div exclusively.

25X1 \*\* [redacted] Comment. In view of the fact that the billeting area of the third  
 25X1 guards mechanized regiment of the 19th Gds Mecz Div has not been determined  
 25X1 to date, it is possible that one guards mechanized regiment of this division  
 25X1 may have moved into Camp Born for permanent quarters. The vehicles observed  
 25X1 there belong to this division.

25X1 \*\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the barracks installa-  
 25X1 tion at Staats is believed to quarter a tank unit of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.  
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